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F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 22, 1891. 363

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

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F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 6, 1891.

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E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1369

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 4.30 p.m., to take into consideration the APROPRIATION of a sum to represent the Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China in Hongkong.

Hongkong, July 10, 1891. 1377

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES for GENTLEMEN RESIDENT BOARDS, at Kowloon, Victoria View.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1388

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND for the Half Year ended 31st March, has been declared at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. COUPONS attached to GOLD SHARE WARRANTS may be cashed, and DIVIDENDS ON SILVER SHARE WARRANTS issued locally will be paid, on the 15th INSTANT, at the Hongkong Branch Office.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.
Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1395

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 15th INSTANT, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th to 31st INSTANT, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1387

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A SCRATCH COMPETITION for SPOONS at the LONG RANGES (800 and 900 yards) will take place at Kowloon on SATURDAY, the 15th INSTANT, commencing at 2.45 p.m. Prizes, 10 rounds and a Silver Shot at each Range.

Competitors will please endeavor to proceed to the Ranges by the Launch leaving Pender's Wharf at 2.15 p.m.

J. ANDERSON, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1374

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Hongkong, July 1, 1891. 1382

NOTICE.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Agents, No. 6, Lee House Lane, on SATURDAY, the 15th INSTANT, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1890.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 3, 1891. 1342

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE OF ONE SHARE in this Company, numbered 1365, standing in the Register in the Name of Messrs DUNN, Melville & Co. having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a NEW CERTIFICATE for the said One Share will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, June 29, 1891. 1311

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

PENDING the arrival of the Acting Manager and the completion of the BANK'S PERMANENT OFFICES, the PAYMENT of the Second CALL of £2 per Share has been POSTPONED until FRIDAY, 31st July, 1891.

By Order of the Board of Directors, L. DOWNES.

Hongkong, June 18, 1891. 1392

BAY VIEW HOTEL.

MR. OSBORNE begs to announce that this convenient half-way House on SHAUKIWAN ROAD is now Open.

The Hotel commands a beautiful View, and is situated in a cool and breezy spot. There is a convenient landing jetty opposite the Hotel for launches.

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Hongkong, May 14, 1891. 988

Business Notices.

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Hongkong, June 30, 1891. 1813

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Hongkong, June 4, 1891. 1127

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Hongkong, September 16, 1893.

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Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1369

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Hongkong, June 27, 1891. 1295

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of 10 Cents per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1891, will be PAYABLE on the 20th INSTANT, when DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

The Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th INSTANT, both days inclusive.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1891. 1375

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FRASER & NEAVE HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 18th INSTANT, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VARIOUS BARRIERS are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, July 9, 1891. 1367

CALDBECK MACGREGOR & Co.

Wine and Spirit Merchants, Ale and Stout Merchants.

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Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 477

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE STORAGE BUSINESS of the Undersigned has This Day been TRANSFERRED to the WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1891. 1332

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED has This Day been appointed AGENT of the above Company in Hongkong.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1891. 1371

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.

THE UNDERSIGNED has This Day been appointed AGENT of the above Company in Hongkong.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1891. 1372

Notices to Consignees.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HOEDDEA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Thiele having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns known as THE HONGKONG WHARF and GODOWNS, Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. Seide, transhipped at Colombo.

From TRIESTE, ex s.s. Possidon and Amphitrite, transhipped at Bombay.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon, on the 19th INSTANT, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 19th INSTANT will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1394

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. RAONESHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, MIDDELSBORO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and Godown, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th INSTANT will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th INSTANT, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1390

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Lydia, Captain T. FERRIS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Noon To-morrow.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th INSTANT will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th INSTANT, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIRMESSON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1891. 1363

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Noon To-morrow.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

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Hongkong, July 11, 1891. 1370

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction

Her degree was obtained at the end of the year, by Lady Connemara on the ground

Within the last few days, says the N. C. Daily News of 11th inst., three young foreign children have fallen off the upper verandah of houses in one case with fatal results. In another case the child was only slightly bruised.

THE *Singapore Free Press* says:—There appears to be a curious rumour afloat in Hongkong to the effect that the Northamptonshire Regiment may return to the Colony, replacing the A. & S. Highlanders. Nothing is known in Singapore of any such proposed garrison move, and it is thought to be quite unlikely.

A TELEGRAM from Tonados, dated June 5, states that the steamer *Glendower*, Batoum bound, to Shanghai, freighted with petroleum, is stranded at Koumbournow. A later view

IN the Portuguese Chamber of Deputies Senhor Ferreira d'Almeida presented a proposal for the alienation of the province of Mozambique. According to this project the product of the sale of Mozambique to Guinea, Gambia, Macao, and Timor would be used to organize the public debt. When

Sir J. Pope Houness has not been present in Parliament since Easter. He is at present staying at Rostellin Castle, his place near Queenstown, once the residence of Sir Walter Raleigh. Sir John is a Jacobite, and doubtless observed on the 10th June, his usual custom of wearing white rose upon the anniversary of the birth of the Old Pretender.

Tax Straits Times says:—G. H. Owen, Financial Clerk in the Colonial Treasury Office, has been arrested on a warrant charging him with criminal misappropriation of public money to the amount of £380. Two defalcations appear to be principally in connection with various bills passed for payment in the Department. It is stated that Owen was about to be promoted to a more lucrative appointment in the Department of Education.

The Emperor of China has moved to the Nian-hai gardens for the summer. P. clausonians have been posted on all

The ghastly photograph which has been sent in Shanghai lately of the recent execution of nine pirates at Kowloon, I have copied by one or more enterprising native photographers, and is being sold to natives at the river ports as a photograph of the execution of the Yuh-tieters. I trust that there is no moorish background

These are some smart speculators in Tokio. By purchase or otherwise they have secured the right to use J. M. Kobata's name at St. Petersburg. Kobata was one of the jinrikisha men who resumed the Czarvitch, and they intended opening a store in the Russian capital on the sale of papers, fans, and screens, and using his name. They are not much modest for they anticipate getting a good deal of business from the Russian Empire.

Among the Wunah rioters who were on trial, two prisoners, Kuo and Wang, voluntarily acknowledged that they murdered the two foreigners, Messrs. Gray and Argent. They added, during the confession, that when brave men commit any deed they should never back out, to cause the innocent to suffer. They ascribed very minutely how the murder was done. That these were the true murderers could be no further doubt. Accordingly they were sent back to the Kuangtung district, and on the 5th instant, a despatch arrived from Viceroys Chang Chih-tung and Liang Shao-chang, recommending the immediate execution of the two murderers.

The following document is published by the *Strait Times*:—The undersigned passengers and crew of the German steamer *Marianne*, which stranded on the 1st June on the Paraceta Islands, were rescued on the 24th June by the British steamer *Lancelot*. Thomas, master, and with expressions of the place their sincerest gratitude to the Master, officers and crew of the *Lancelot*. But for their timely help, lives would probably have been lost, so evening of the same day, on which we were ship, brought on a severe typhoon.

the *Lincolnet* most heartily for the kind and generous treatment we received on board their steamer on the way to this port. T. A. Hansen, Master for himself and crew of the *U. S. Marianne*, Carl Hansen, Fridrich Erick, and Gustav Wealpel, 100 bougors per *U. S. Marianne*.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 8.30 a.m.

The new Dutch cruiser *Sunetra*, which arrived at Plymouth on the 11th June on an expeditionary cruise, is a valuable addition to the Netherlands navy. She is 3,400 tons, 17 knots, and carries two big guns of 16 and 30 O.M. calibre, light weapons, and torpedo boats. The *Sunetra* is awaiting orders at Plymouth.

FRENCH BARBARY.—In the suburbs of the Mouton district, Ainai, a countryman sold two cows for \$10 and with the proceeds bought some baskets of oil. That night several men forcibly broke into his house and demanded the money. He was instantly seized, manacled all over with oil and set on fire. The poor man was literally burned alive. As he lived far from other houses, his cries were not heard. The case is reported.

The crusade against Hunan men charged with vagrancy has commenced in Nanking. The magistrates, police commissioners and patrolling deputies have received stringent orders from H.E. the Viceroy to take a census of the Hunanese and make a report on the nature and value of their property and the kind of business or trade in which they are engaged. All Hunan men without permanent or real occupation and without property are to be apprehended and deported to Hunan at the Government expense. This is one of the most effective measures of purging Nanking of a lot of worthless loafers, desperadoes, and rowdies, camp followers, and discharged soldiers who have been a scourge to the southern metropolis for many years past.

The *London and China Express* says:—In pursuance of a request telegraphed from Hongkong at the time, the China Association has, we understand, addressed the Colonial Office in support of the protest of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council against the extension of the territorial contribution for the past year notwithstanding that the garrison has not been increased. And, as the subject may probably be raised in Parliament, in connection with the approaching Votes in Supply, copies of the letter, and of the protest laid on the Council table by the Unofficial Members, will be circulated among members of Parliament in order to explain the points at issue. The attitude of Hongkong is not quite the same as that of Singapore and Ceylon, as it does not object to pay the increased grant of £2,000 demanded when the garrison was increased.

As about 40 tons of this coal were put on board by direction of the Co.'s General Manager, Mr. Bavier Chaffour, to be submitted to the trial by me. It is a brilliant coal, with easy lines of cleavage, and black like Newcastle coal. It produces a rather long flame, while the draught is fairly active, and judging from the absence of the usual sulphur appearance, contains very little pyrites. It requires scarcely any smoke, does not choke the tubes, nor does the very small amount of dirt produced adhere to the fire bars. It has a very great calorific value, is so compact and firm that it will stand a lot of handling, and considering its price, could be most advantageously used in lieu of the two-thirds of Cardiff coal which is used in the mixture employed on most of the company's steamers.

The following items are from the *London and China Express*:

Now that Chungking has been opened as a Treaty port, though the British Consulate seems to have been little part in the actual ceremony, we shall be glad to learn that the Admiralty have detailed officers to study the question of navigation between Ichang and Chungking. It is now known that the Chinese Government intend to send a gunboat to the mouth of the Yangtze, which is not at present possessed. It might and does not seem improbable in view of the present state of the population on the Yangtze—be necessary to send a gunboat to the mouth of the Yangtze. We have had one riot at Chungking, and it might be advisable that the Admiralty should possess the necessary information as to how to get at the port. The information should, of course, be complete as possible, as to depth of water, currents, obstructions to navigation, &c., at all states of the water, according to season.

The surveys for railways in Siam, which were arranged by Sir Andrew Clarke, C.M.G., and have been carried out by Messrs. Macpherson and Lowther, are now on the point of completion. They have been carried as far as Chiang-sen, an important place in the Shan States, and the line pegged out for the larger part. It now remains to be seen what will be done with these surveys. That the Siamese do not intend to proceed with the construction immediately is well known, but it is to be hoped that their cost will not be entirely money out of pocket, and that the results will not be pigeon-holed and forgotten.

The details of the convention under the Sikkim Convention have not yet been concluded. Mr. James Hart still remains at Darjeeling pending the settlement of the question.

A telegram from Tokyo states that the Japanese Government approves of the regulations adopted by the Telegraphic Congress at Vienna.

The reception by the Chinese Minister at the Legation is fixed for Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

SMART CAPTURE OF A NOBILIOUS THIEF.

At the Police Court today, before Mr. Wise, Li Yau, a well-known criminal whose last sentence was five years' penal servitude, was charged with breaking into the house of Mr. A. F. Soares, Chancery Lane, and stealing therefrom spoons, knives, forks, &c., of the value of \$20. He was also charged with being in possession of house-breaking implements, and returning from banishment.

A. F. Soares, broker, identified a number of knives, forks, spoons, &c., shown in Court, as his property, and said the articles were in his house last night. He found his parlour door open this morning. It was locked last night, and the lock was broken. He found a Chinese thief leading from his backyard to the second floor of his house, by means of which access had evidently been gained to the house.

Abdool Latiff, P.O., said that about 5.30 this morning he saw the defendant running

from Chancery Lane, followed by two Chinese who were calling out "thief." Witnesses arrested the defendant. The two Chinese state, carrying the articles produced in Court, accused the defendant of stealing them. The defendant said he got the things out of an empty house. The witnesses examined the defendant and found a number of spoons. The two Chinese also produced a skeleton key which they said the defendant had dropped.

Two K.K. officers, reading in Chancery Lane, said the defendant at 5.30 due morning coming out of Mr. Soares' house carrying a bundle which contained the articles in Court. Witnesses questioned the defendant and he then threw down the bundle and fled. He was not followed by the witnesses, until he was arrested.

Defendant admitted six previous convictions. The case was committed for trial at the Criminal Session.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, 14th July, 1891.

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Vessel's Name.	Anchor up.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Amigo.....	3	c Knednor	Cor. str.	273	July 1	Melchers & Co.		
Caladonion.....	5	c Flaudin	Fch. str.	2175	July 14	Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	To-morrow
Clara.....	2	c Pland	Ger. str.	674	July 14	Siemson & Co.	Hai-phong	
Daouma.....	3	c Christensen	Ger. str.	345	July 5	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Don Juan.....	4	c Beltran	Span. str.	654	July 13	Brandao & Co.	Amoy & Manila	To-morrow
Esmeralda.....	5	c Taylor	Brit. str.	806	July 13	Showan & Co.	Amoy & Manila	To-morrow

Guthrie	5	c	Holms	Brit.	str.	1384	July	10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Halphong	5	c	Bousquet	Frch.	str.	874	July	14	Messageries Maritimes	Haiphong
Herman Wedel Jarls	5	c	Houge	Norw.	str.	1985	July	11	Order	
Independent	5	c	Wall	Ger.	str.	871	July	7	Wolter & Co.	
Imbo	5	c	Gasman	Ger.	str.	672	July	11	Meyer & Co.	
Japan	5	c	Olifont	Brit.	str.	1866	July	11	David Sazason Sons & Co.	Singapore
Jesson	5	c	Towell	Brit.	str.	1420	July	14	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow
Laballe	5	c	Grant	Brit.	str.	866	July	14	E. C. Ray	
Macduff	5	c	Porter	Brit.	str.	1668	July	19	David, Jarrell & Co.	Yokohama
Macbourn	5	c	Berghage	Frch.	str.	2033	July	14	Messageries Maritimes	To-morrow
Nankang	5	c	Woolridge	Brit.	str.	899	July	14	Chitties	To-morrow
Nimpo	3	h	Koehler	Ger.	str.	768	July	5	Siemssen & Co.	Amoy
Oceanic	5	c	Smith	Brit.	str.	3808	July	9	O. & O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco
Pilot Fish	1	1	Sumari	Brit.	tug.	161	July	9	H. K. & Co.	28th Inst.
						1820	July	10	W. G. & Co.	Yokohama
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Riverdale	3	c	Mooney	Brit.	str.	1563	July	5	Mitar Bish		
Sherard Osborn	6	c	Madge	Brit.	str.	376	July	8	E. E. A. & C. T. Co.		
Siam	3	c	Tallich	Brit.	str.	391	July	11	Chinese		
Sisabab	3	c	Storall	Brit.	str.	375	July	7	Chinese	Swarow	To-morrow
Talsang	3	c	Hogg	Brit.	str.	1565	July	14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swarow	10th inst.
Thales	6	h	Hunter	Brit.	str.	819	July	14	Douglas Steamship Co.	Chart Port	16th inst.
Thiebou	3	c	Costanzo	A. Hun.	str.	1848	July	13	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Bombay, &c.	20th inst.
Toonan	3	c	Warwick	Chi.	str.	334	July	4	C. M. S. N. Co.		

Gulbarga	8	c Douglas	Brit. bge.	1350	June	4	Russell & Co.
Carl Friedrich	8	c Prodlich	Ger. sh.	2040	July	6	Melchers & Co.
Georgietta	5	k Kastou	Amer. bge.	988	June	18	Master
Isaac Reed	8	c Waldo	Amer. sh.	1489	May	26	Russell & Co.
Maria	5	c Alvaro	Span. sch.	51	July	9	Order
Minnie G. Whitney	5	k Smith	Brit. bge.	1221	June	16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Omaga	4	c Horn	Brit. bge.	489	May	23	Master
Portland Lloyd	5	c Forbes	Amer. bge.	1180	July	1	Russell & Co.
Sara Mercedes	3	k Munieta/s	Peruv. bge.	245	July	4	Master
Stanfield	6	c Clark	Brit. bge.	500	July	3	Order
Velocity	5	c Martin	Brit. bge.	491	May	26	China
Xenia	8	k Smith	Amer. bge.	1136	July	8	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

Y.M.	Reg.	Tons.	Guns.	Arm.	Comd.	Remarks.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	4	3180	Comd. Chas. H. Adair	Swatow
Aroho	cruiser	1770	—	—	Commander Farris	Hongkong
Caroline	cruiser	1400	14	1440	Captain Clatterbuck	Amoy
Egeria	surveying ship	746	—	—	Commander A. M. Ward	Amoy
Ed.	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	388	3	340	—	in reserve
Fleetswamp	gunboat 2nd class	456	4	460	Lieut.-Com. Denison	Shanghai
Hyacinth	cruiser	1420	8	1190	Captain Robt. W. Craigie	Hongkong
Impetuous*	twincrow battle ship	8400	10	10000	Captain Edward S. Poe	Nagasaki
Leader	cruiser 2nd class	4300	10	5500	Captain Burgess Watson	Shanghai
Lince	gun-vessel 2nd class	5	150	1050	Commander V. A. Tindall	Shanghai
Mercury	cruiser	3730	13	7290	Capt. Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Pasceot	gunboat 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut.-Commander Ingram	Canton
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	756	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. Hewitt	Canton
Plover	gunboat 1st class	756	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. H. G. Rason	Hongkong
Porpoise	steel torpedo cruiser	1770	6	3600	Commander R. W. White	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	756	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. J. G. Brough	Sunduan
Roadpole	gunboat 1st class	806	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. F. Wm. Freeman	Nagasaki
Savon	cruiser	4050	12	6000	Captain Hall	Shanghai
Solent	torpedo mining launch	150	—	—	—	Hongkong
Siri*	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	5	1010	Commander Robt. D. B. Bruce	Hongkong
Tweed	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	388	3	340	—	in reserve
Victor Eux.	surveying ship	5157	14	—	Commander E. J. Chureh	Hongkong
Weymouth	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1450	—	Hongkong

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* Expected shortly from Cape of Good Hope Archer, Steel Tor. Cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns; 3,500 I.H.P., Comd. John Farris.

Flagship of Vice Admiral Sir Fred. W. Richards, K.C.B.
H. R. M. ship's company, displacement and effective horse power are given according to H. M. Navy List.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.						
Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian armored cruiser	8000	22	8000	Captain Fedotoff	Singapore
Miscut	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Captain Parango	Yokohama
Alexandrine	German cruiser	3200	—	—	Captain Schneider	Yokohama
Alliance	U. S. gunboat	615	—	—	Captain H. O. Taylor	Yokohama
Aragoo	Spanish cruiser	1903	—	—	Captain A. Soler	On a cruise
Aspic	French gunboat	470	4	450	Commander Journet	Shanghai

Dia	Portuguese gunboat	766	—	—	Captain H. M. Gomes	Macao
Ilia	German gunboat	489	—	—	Captain Ascher	Hankow
Inconstant	French gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. de Jonquieres	Amoy
Kongo	Japanese cruiser	2240	—	—	Captain Hida	Yokohama
Koreyots	Russian gunboat	1200	—	—	Captain Filiatov	Shanghai
Leipzig	German cruiser	3800	—	—	Captain Röttger	Yokohama
Lata	French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Neuy	Tsukun
		1100	9	1260	Captain Kass	Shanghai

Marru	U. S. corvette	1800	7	1170	Commander Ayer	Kobe
Mossesey	U. S. sloop	1370	6	1470	Lieut. Comdr. M. L. Johnson	Nagasaki
Omaha	U. S. corvette	2400	12	1185	Capt. Conwell	Yokohama
Paio	U. S. gunboat	426	6	300	Lieut. Comdr. Craig	On a cruise
Flavler	French gunboat	241	—	436	Lieut. Commander Lupton	Shanghai
Belina Christina	Spanish cruiser	3000	—	—	Captain Ingalls	Manila
St. Anna	Portuguese gunboat	640	—	—	Captain J. R. Santa Barbara	Hongkong
Stroudh	Russian cruiser	900	1	1000	Commander Plafieir	Haiphong
Sophie	German cruiser	2100	—	—	Captain Herbig	Yokohama
Swatara	corvette	—	—	—	Commander John McDowan	Kobe
Tejo	Portuguese gunboat	500	3	100	Lieut. Comdr. C. B. Cambria	Kobe
Triumphante	French cruiser	1600	—	—	Capt. de Camille	Amoy
Villars	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thomas	Atsuy
Villars	French gunboat	487	4	425	Commander Constella	On a cruise
Volcano	Italian gunboat	846	—	—	Captain Ruych	Shanghai
Wladimir	Russian ironclad	2000	—	—	Captain Dombrows	Vladivostok
Wolf	German gunboat	485	6	244	Captain Halliott	Shanghai

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